**CONSTITUTION OF KELSO CRICKET CLUB**

***LAST AMENDMENT: 20th April 2015***

**1. NAME**

**a)** The Club shall be known as Kelso Cricket Club.

**b)** The registered address shall be The Pavilion. Shedden Park, Kelso.

**2. OBJECT**

The object of the Club shall be the fostering and playing of cricket in Kelso and District and all activities necessary and desirable in connection therewith.

**3. CLUB COLOURS**

The Club colours shall be Cambridge Blue and Maroon striped.

**4. AFFILIATION**

The Club shall be affiliated to the Scottish Cricket Union.

**5. DISSOLUTION**

The dissolution of the Club and the time, terms and conditions upon which the dissolution shall take place may be decided upon by the Club only by a resolution passed and confirmed by a majority of at least 75% of the votes by members present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting of the Club. The meeting to be called by notice sent to each member and by advertisement in the local press at least twenty-one days before the meeting. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid or transferred to some other institution having objects similar to the objects of the Club and which shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property amongst its members, such institution to be determined by the members of the Club at or before the time of dissolution and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.

**6. GOVERNMENT OF THE CLUB.**

**a)** The government of the Club shall be vested in a General committee, which shall have the entire management and control of the Club and preparation of the bylaws, in so far as consistent with the rules and regulations.

**b)** No member of the General Committee and no manager or servant employed by the Club shall have any personal interest in the Club, nor in the profits arising from the sale of alcohol.

**7. GENERAL COMMITTEE.**

The General Committee shall be selected annually at the Annual General Meeting by the general body of members, and shall consist of President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer as members of ex-official and EIGHT other members, each serving three years before retiring and being available for re-election.

**8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

**a)** The General Committee shall meet as often as necessary, but not less than four times per annum.

**b)** The General Committee shall have the powers to appoint all necessary sub-committees.

**c)** The President or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Club and committee in their absence the committee shall appoint a Chairman. The Chairman shall have in all cases of equality a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.

**d)** The General Committee shall have powers to fill up any vacancies during its term of office.

**e)** Six members are required to form a quorum.

**9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held before the 31st January of each year. No less than seven days notice shall be given to members by advertisement in the local press.

**10. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting of members may be called at any time by the General Committee should the necessity arise, or upon the request in writing to the Honorary Secretary by not less than ten members specifying the business to be considered. In which case the meeting shall be convened within twenty-one days of the Honorary Secretary receiving said request.

**11. MEMBERSHIP**

**a)** Application forms for membership of the Club are available from the Club Secretary or can be downloaded from the Club website.

**b)** Applications for membership will be processed by the General Committee within 4 weeks of receipt by the Club Secretary. No applicant will be refused membership without good reason. Any person whose application is rejected has the right to appeal to the General Committee. This appeal will be heard within 2 weeks of the initial refusal.

**c)** Members shall fall into one of the following classes:

**i)** Honorary Life Members, (persons who have rendered outstanding services to the Club and who on the recommendation of the General Committee have been elected to life membership).

**ii)** Honorary Vice-Presidents.

**iii)** Senior Playing Members. (18 years and over).

**iv)** Junior Playing Members. (Up to 18 years).

**v)** Ordinary/Social Members.

**vi)** Family Members. (Consisting of 2 non-playing adult members and children up to the age of 16).

**vii)** Temporary Members. (Guest players and officials of teams participating in matches at Shedden Park shall be awarded temporary membership). Restricted to the period of their visit.

**d)** No persons shall be allowed to be Honorary or temporary members of the Club or be relieved of paying their annual subscription unless they qualify under rules 11 c) i and 11 c) vii.

**12. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

**a)** The annual subscription for membership shall be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting of members or a Special General Meeting.

**b)** The annual subscription shall be due of May 15th of each season.

**c)** The membership of any member whose subscription is in arrears at July 31st in any one year shall lapse during the continued non-payment thereof.

**13. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS**

If the conduct of any member is such as appears to the General Committee to endanger the character or good order of the Club, it shall be in the power of the General Committee to meet and consider as to the expulsion or suspension of such members. At such a meeting the vote shall be by ballot and if a two-thirds majority vote for expulsion of such member is carried, his name shall be removed from the list of members of the Club and he shall cease to have any claim on its property.

**14. VISITORS**

**a)** A visitor shall not be supplied with alcohol in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a member.

**b)** Each member shall be entitled to sign in three visitors to the Club.

**c)** Before being supplied with alcohol each visitor shall enter his/her name, address and date of visit into the Visitor’s Book which shall be kept on the premises for this purpose.

**15. CLUB PREMISES**

**a)** No alcohol shall be sold or supplied to any persons under 18 years of age.

**b)** Alcohol shall only be sold or supplied within permitted hours under the Licensing Act (Scotland) 1976 or any regular or special extension to those hours.

**c)** Alcohol shall only be supplied for consumption within the Club premises prescribed by the General Committee for the purpose.

**d)** No alcohol shall be sold or supplied in the Club premises for consumption off the premises. Except to a member of the Club in person or to a person holding an excise license or the sale of alcohol.

**e)** No gambling shall be allowed within the Club premises with the exception of gambling machines.

**16. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

**a)** The ordinary financial affairs of the company shall be vested in the General Committee and all monies received for the Club shall be lodged with the Honorary Treasurer and his receipt shall be sufficient discharge.

**b)** The Honorary Treasurer shall keep a record of the names and addresses of members, receive and disburse all monies due by the Club, collect the subscriptions of members and keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs and intromissions of the Club. He shall prepare an abstract statement of the accounts of the Club for the financial year which shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of the Club after being audited by the auditor appointed by the Club.

**17. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

No additions or amendments to the constitution and rules and regulations of the Club shall be made except by a two-thirds majority present at an Annual or Special General Meeting at least ten days notice in writing must be given to the Honorary Secretary of any proposed amendment or addition.